

# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Dawn Redwood

*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

The Dawn Redwood is a deciduous tree with a narrowly conical shape. The linear leaves are 1 inch long, and are soft and pale green at emergence.

They become a dark green, turning yellow, pink or red in autumn. The tree has orange-brown to red-brown bark that peels vertically in stringy flakes. A native to Southwest China, the Dawn Redwood grows in moist soils and on riverbanks.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Happy Urban and Community Forestry Month! This is the time to get out there and plant trees, just be sure to select quality trees and practice proper planting techniques. When selecting your tree, look for symmetrical trees, with a single, well developed leader. Be sure that the branches are well distributed, and have healthy attachments. Also, check the trunk of the tree for scars, cuts, or scrapes. Check the root system, and look for any girdling roots or inappropriately small root balls (if trees are B&B). Most importantly, choose a tree species that is appropriate for the planting site. If you need any additional information on tree selection or planting, please call the TreeLink Hotline! Happy planting! -Sarah

## New Urban Forestry Grant Available

The Washington State Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program is excited to announce the availability of \$90,000 in a new grant program designed to assist cities with population's greater than 35,000 people with urban forestry projects. The maximum grant for any city is \$30,000, and the minimum is \$20,000. All grant funds must be matched on a one-to-one basis. All it takes to apply is a one page application form, a one-page project description, and an estimate of the project budget. The necessary forms are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline. Application deadline is November 18, 1999.

Chances are somewhere in your city's comprehensive plan there is a component dealing with conservation, protection, and management of natural resources. Eligible projects will generally promote those natural resource issues, and specifically address urban forestry program management and development. Examples might include: street tree projects, stream bank restoration, urban forest resource inventories, environmental education material development and distribution, tree removal/replacement projects, management plans, CBD greening, etc. Additional information is available by calling the U&CF at 1-800-523-TREE or via e-mail at [urban\\_forestry@wadnr.gov](mailto:urban_forestry@wadnr.gov).

## TreeKeeper Online Available for Small Communities

TreeKeeper Online is now available from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Davey Resource Group. This tree management system replaces TreeKeeper, jr., and is a valuable tool for small communities (those with less than 5000 trees). Available online for an annual subscription of \$300, this program is more powerful and easier to use than the older program. Since it is an Internet program, TreeKeeper Online can accommodate multiple users simultaneously, and unlimited technical support will be available at no additional cost. The program is designed to interface with Microsoft Excel and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). If you are interested and would like more information or an order form, please contact the National Arbor Day Foundation at (402) 474-5655 or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

## Changes at Olympic Nursery

Olympic Nursery, a community based business located in Woodinville, announces several additions to their 70-acre farm and nursery. Among the additions are a quarterly newsletter, a new web site, and the Tall Tree Resource Center. The Resource Center, which is open to the public, offers a wealth of information about habitat restoration, urban forestry and land stewardship. In addition to the Resource Center, Olympic Nursery is welcoming the new millennium with a web site at [www.olympicnursery.com](http://www.olympicnursery.com). Through the web site, they will further their commitment to the environment and green spaces in our communities. They also offer opportunities for school-aged children to take tours of the nursery and farm. If you would like to contact Olympic Nursery call toll free at 1-800-570-8883. E-mail comments or inquiries to [communications@olympicnursery.com](mailto:communications@olympicnursery.com).

## Professional Landscape Technician Seminar Series

The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals and the WSU Cooperative Extension have announced their fall seminar lineup. Topics include Irrigation Valve Repair, Pesticides & Fertilizers, Plant Identification, Instrument Reading, Grading & Drainage, and Plan Reading. One topic is offered each month, and programs run from 9 am to noon. For more information, call Marlene Allen (425) 357-6019 or the TreeLink Hotline.

## In the works (continued)

"...natural resources are not given to us by our fathers, but are loaned to us by our children."

- Larry D. Harris

## Picks and Shovels

**TRIVIA:** An average deciduous tree in a temperate climate will gain most of its height in \_\_\_\_\_ years.

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## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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## Tree Line USA Applications Due October 31

Tree Line USA is a program offered by the National Arbor Day Foundation to encourage proper utility practices that safeguard trees. There are three criteria for applying utilities: formally adopt quality tree care practices, document annual worker training, and carry out tree planting and public education activities. Washington currently has two utilities recognized as Tree Line USA's... Peninsula Light Company and Chelan County PUD. For more information on Tree Line USA or for an application, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## 1999 Tree City USA Forum

The City of Sumner and the Sumner Forestry Commission are hosting the 1999 Tree City USA Forum on October 27, 1999, at the Sumner City Hall. All Tree Cities are invited to participate as this is a great opportunity to meet other Tree City USA participants and learn about programs around the state! For more information, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting

The Washington Community Forestry Council will be holding a meeting on October 20 in Winthrop. Winthrop was selected to host the meeting because they received a 1998 Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Department of Natural Resources. A tour of the completed project is scheduled in the afternoon. The meeting will take place at the Barn on Highway 20, and will run from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Urban Forestry. Their next meeting will be in Index on December 8, 1999. For more information, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

**Urban Forestry on the World Wide Web!** The International Society of Arboriculture has a great site with a lot of valuable information. They also offer tree care information and links to other Urban Forestry related sites. A new feature is a link to "A Guide to Developing and Evaluation Tree Ordinances". Go to <http://www.isa-arbor.com> and click on "What's new".

**1999 National Urban Forest Conference Proceedings** are now available from American Forests. The 60 page proceedings from the *Building Cities of Green* Conference held in Seattle includes tools to improve our environment, new decision support technologies, planning and design, public policy, urban forest management, citizen action, and urban and rural connections. For more information or to get an order form, please contact American Forests on the web at <http://www.americanforests.org> or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

### October

- 15-16 Pruning, Cabling & Bracing workshop in Vancouver, BC. For more information, contact ArborMaster Training Canada Inc. at (877) 268-8733 or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.
- 20 Washington Urban Forestry Council Meeting in Winthrop at the Barn on Highway 20 from 9:30-3:30 pm. Call the TreeLink Hotline for more information.
- 27 Tree City USA Forum in Sumner. For more information, contact Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-8733.

### November

- 4-5 Wood in Transportation Conference at the Arbor Day Farm, Lied Conference Center, in Nebraska City, NE. Early registration is due before October 20. For more information, please contact the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) at 1-888-448-7337 or call the TreeLink Hotline.
- 8-9 Restoring Native Ecosystems Conference at the Arbor Day Farm. Early Registration rates apply until October 25. For more information, call the NADF or the TreeLink Hotline.
- 16 Hazard Tree Policy Workshop at the World Forestry Center in Portland, OR. Contact Natural Path Forestry Consultants at (406) 721-3263, for more information.
- 19 WALP Environmental Awards Banquet in Vancouver, WA at the Heathman Lodge. For more information, please contact WALP at 1-800-833-2186.